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From: Moxley, Bret
Sent: Sat 8/15/2015 12:24:13 PM
Subject: Fwd: Modified Region 9 statement

After I spoke with each of you last night I read this email regarding the release of San Juan River data today.

Bret

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Manzanilla, Enrique" <Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov>
Date: August 15, 2015 at 12:07:47 AM MDT
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Dana, Christine and Reggie:

We have removed references to RSLs and instead compared our sampling results for the metals to MCLs for filtered water. Recall that further downstream, the Navajo Nation shut down its drinking water system at Montezuma Creek because of concerns about impacts from the spill. Of course, additional results for additional days and sampling stations downstream (including Montezuma Creek) will provide more assurances.

Please let us know if you have questions.

Good night!

Enrique Manzanilla

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Shiprock, New Mexico - August 14, 2015: Today, EPA has released additional water quality data from Aug. 7 to Aug. 9, 2015 on the San Juan River between Farmington and Shiprock, New Mexico. The August 7 data was collected for baseline purposes to understand river conditions at the Hogback monitoring location, prior to the impact of the upstream contaminants from the Gold King Mine release.

To assess the impacts of the release at the Gold King Mine, water quality samples were collected at four locations for 24 metals. Each surface water sample was analyzed for metals including arsenic, cadmium, lead, mercury, aluminum, cobalt and others.

The validated results for these metals met or were below drinking water standards (MCL's) for filtered water for the length of the river between Farmington and Shiprock.

Due to the highly variable conditions typical of this segment of the river, additional sampling will be conducted. We will continue to work closely with the Navajo Nation EPA on assessing drinking water, agriculture, livestock, and other critical water needs.

From: Tulis, Dana
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 9:00 PM
To: Wagner, Christine
Cc: Ruhl, Christopher; Cheatham, Reggie; Manzanilla, Enrique
Subject: Re: R9 Data for 8/9/15 and message

Chris Ruhl said not tonite? They we're suppose to remove any reference to risk based screening levels. We talked to Enrique about this a couple of times today. For water, are we are comparing to pre-incident levels.

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